

City of Westfield

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“Community Design Gallery” for Special Study at 161st & Spring Mill

Westfield, IN – Westfield Community Development Director, Greg Anderson, announced today that the Community Design Gallery component of the Special Study at 161st & Spring Mill Road will be available on-line beginning Tuesday, February 5, 2008 and continuing until February 15th, 2008. Meeting dates and times for in-person participation in the Community Design Gallery were also announced.

“The Community Design Gallery is an interactive survey tool, designed to gather participant’s responses to a series of images depicting potential land uses within the Special Study area. The Community Development Department will evaluate these responses and factor this input into the ongoing Special Study in an effort to accurately reflect the opinion of the community. This is the first opportunity for persons outside the study area to offer their input as to the future of the intersection, and we’re hoping for a strong level of public participation,” stated Anderson.

In a first for the City of Westfield Community Development Department, the opportunity to participate in a public process will be made available both in person and on-line.

“The on-line version of the Community Design Gallery is a new public participation technique for the Westfield Community Development Department, and we hope the community responds positively. We’re hoping the around-the-clock availability and ability to take part in this activity from anywhere with internet access provides us as broad of an information base as possible. In addition, the survey format provides response information in an easily-quantified and analyzed format, which should help us minimize misinterpretation,” stated Al Salzman, AICP, Senior Planner with the Westfield Community Development Department.

Persons interested in participating on-line should visit the “[Action Center](#)” of the City of Westfield website, or search for “surveys” in the Site Search bar. Individuals interested in participating in-person can visit the Community Design Gallery at the following dates, times, and places:

February 5, 6, 7, 11, 13	3:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Shamrock Springs Elementary School Cafeteria. 747 West 161 st Street
February 12	3:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Countryside Clubhouse. 250 East 169 th Street

General –

The City of Westfield is in the process of creating a small-area plan by conducting a special study for the intersection of 161st Street and Spring Mill Road. Through this study, the City will evaluate potential future land use patterns for the study area. The recommendation that comes from the study may result in an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and other land-use policy documents.

The 161st Street & Spring Mill Road special study entails the following:

- Interviews with stakeholders and neighboring property owners
- A feasibility study that outlines the viability of various land uses within the study area
- Community Design Gallery that graphically illustrates various potential land uses within the study area
- Infrastructure Master Plan of the study area

Updated Tentative Timeline of Events:

- **Early-to-Mid February, 2008** – Community Design Gallery (dates, times and location above)
- **March 10, 2008** – Draft plan and amendment to the Comprehensive Plan presented to City Council
- **March 24, 2008** – Public Hearing held by the Advisory Plan Commission
- **April 14, 2008** – Adoption of Comprehensive Plan amendment by the City Council

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